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Hi Derek,

Thank you for the revised fact sheet. I appreciate your incorporation of our extensive comments on the previous version. It is more easy to understand and internally consistent. Here are a few more comments on the revised version:

1. Page 1, top box and column 1, paragraph 1: The fact sheet is already very full and busy, especially condensed to two pages. Generic statements that are integral to EPA's and the Navy's missions/commitments don't necessarily need to be repeated in a fact sheet. They could also evoke negative responses. We have suggested some potential cuts in markups of the attached pdf.
2. Page 1, Column 1, paragraph 1, Sentence 2: Please consider these edits for clarity: "The Navy has reviewed data independent of Tetra Tech EC's work and has found no evidence of any is confident that ~~there are no~~ health concerns for current tenants, workers, visitors to Navy property, or residents on the adjacent property.
3. Page 1, Column 1, paragraph 1, Sentence 3: Minor grammatical note: The first use of the word "cleanup" should be separated into two separate words "clean up" because it is used as a verb here, not a noun. It appears the point you are trying to make is that, even though some community representatives have called for stopping work on the Shipyard until the Tetra Tech EC matter is resolved, that the Navy wants to explain why it should continue to do work. The sentence is long and hard to follow. Here are suggestions for simplifying the language to make the main point easier to understand. Here is suggested alternative language to consider: "To protect public health and the environment, the Navy is continuing with cleanup that is required by environmental agencies, while investigations about Tetra Tech EC move forward in parallel. The Navy, State and Federal agencies, and public stakeholders will continue to review of the results of any cleanup actions."
4. Page 1, column 2, Navy Actions to Resolve Data Issues: I believe the last paragraph refers to the new sampling and cleanup work that happened 2012-2014, as documented in the April, 2014, report ***INVESTIGATION CONCLUSION ANOMALOUS SOIL SAMPLES AT HUNTERS POINT NAVAL SHIPYARD, REVISION 1, April 2014***. Some readers may confuse that past effort with the new effort that is described on page 2. To help prevent confusion, at last Wednesday's call, David Yogi had recommended a timeline could make the history and plans more clear. Below are several other potential options to consider to make the fact sheet more clear:

Past Navy Actions to Resolve Data Issues

In response to the 2011 discovery of the falsified sampling data by Tetra Tech EC, the Navy initiated a comprehensive review of radiological data from soil samples collected by the contractor 2012-2014.

After ~~the~~ some new sampling in 386 locations and cleanup work in five new areas was completed in 2013[or was it 2014?], independent analysis of the final data confirmed that these five areas radiological contamination had, in fact, been cleaned up properly.

Comprehensive Sample Review

- More than 70,000 sample results reviewed (2011-2013) [These may not be the right dates, but this is an example of a potential format to consider to improve clarit]
- More than 130 building and land areas resampled with on-site independent supervision (2012-2015)
- Additional soil excavations completed to clean up areas where falsified samples were taken (2013-2014)

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